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Sir:

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09/701,781 x	December 4, 2000	1751
09/594,025 x	June 15, 2000	1751
09/581,594 x	June 15, 2000	1751
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The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. application(s) may be deemed to relate to the present

application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

Copies of cited U.S. patent application(s) (specification, claims, and the drawings) or copies of the portion of the application which caused it to be cited, including any claims directed to that portion are attached hereto.

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